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Meet 15 authors, representing a variety of genres in fiction and non-fiction for both adults and children. There will be an array of books to suit everyone's taste. Here are just a few to whet your appetite and entice you to join us on June 9.

If your interest lies in historical fiction, Ruth Walker takes you along as she "reveals the inner lives of her characters with a quiet and purposeful grace" (Rabindranath Maharaj). Vivienne Barker, creates a vivid historical context as she engages you in the lives of four women as they attempt to cope with loss, deprivation and fear. Wendy Truscott's story about a 15-year-old runaway, who is haunted by dreams in 1879 Ontario is a good read for those eight to 80. Caroline Misner's latest novel brings home the importance of dreaming when life is dragging you down.

If the coming together of warriors, heroes, demons, pirates, wizards, faeries, dragons, and a magic sword, in a unique coming of age adventure, appeals then David Skinner is the author for you.

In non-fiction David Franks's diary of 30 days spent with the Cree might appeal or perhaps Jim Mitchell's chronicle of Canning Lake's history beginning with the ice age. Fred Gregory also shares the history of the area from the perspective of a local family with deep roots in Haliburton County.

Discuss award winning books about wolves, beavers and pumas (and more) by internationally published author/field biologist R.D. Lawrence with the author's wife Sharon Lawrence who shared the adventures and creative process.

On a more personal and serious note, Yvonne Heath's nursing experience gives us insight into how to live life to the fullest, to grieve and to have "The Talk" about the end of life long before it arrives. Take a journey with Anje Hilkers as she navigates the health system in an always courageous and often humorous manner.

Looking for books for the younger set? Turn to the work of Irene Davidson Fisher as she weaves a lesson-filled tale of mischievous raccoons or answers the timeless question children eventurally ask, "why are there so many Santa Clauses?" The "little monkey" in your life may also like Marie Gage's tale of Blake's adventure at the zoo.

Heirloom recipes are the treasures of the kitchen. Barbara Gregory and Sharon Lawrence have produced Canadian Culinary Treasures 1867-2017 and Canadian Culinary Treasures from Barbara's Kitchen. Learn your ancestors' techniques, and find recipes to maintain a healthy body with no preservatives added.

Author/journalist, Jim Poling Sr. (formerly of Canadian Press and columnist in the *Minden Times*), Connie Neil and Jean Booker will also be available. Come and engage the authors in conversations about their books or their writing process.

On June 9, please join us at the Wintergreen Maple Syrup and Pancake Barn and experience for yourself the amazing writing talent in our region.

For more information please contact Marie Gage, 705-854-2122.

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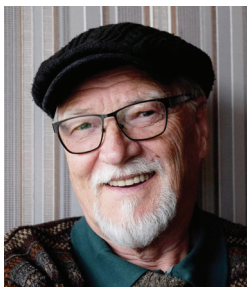
Community Conversations a real conversation piece

THERE'S A VERY interesting and unusual art installation to be seen at the Dysart branch of the Haliburton County Public Library. It's a multimedia quilt-based community project called Community Conversations and it really has to be seen to be fully appreciated. See the photo on page 3 of this paper.



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On Arts

What you see at a casual glance is a four-panel, hinged screen, similar to those used to separate space in a room. A closer inspection reveals that each of the four panels consists of two smaller suspended tapestries. And each of the eight tapestries contained within the four panels are themselves made up of individual pieces that have been created through the use of such media as quilting, painting, drawing, writing, printmaking, embroidery and hot wax work.

The overall effect of Community Conversations is a brilliantly coloured collage; a crazy-quilt that has been carefully constructed, so that the sum of its parts creates a totality that stands alone as a powerful visual. But, as with most pieces of significant art, there is much more involved than initially meets the eye.

Community Conversations is also the name given to the Pilot Partnership Project with the Haliburton Highlands Health Services and the Visible Voices Open Arts Studio. The two representatives who initiated the project were Nancy Brownsberger, community outreach coordinator of the Community Support Services branch of HHHS, and Fay Wilkinson of Visible Voices. The concept they came up with was for the getting together of a group of like-minded neighbours who wanted to tell their stories, or represent parts of their lives, through artistic expression. The project ultimately consisted of 10 participants and five volunteers.

The project was started in 2017 with participants meeting every week for four weeks during March and April. During that time period the individual pieces or stories, were completed. The time since then was spent sewing the stories together to form the eight hanging tapestries, and then creating the panels and the framework that completed the finished installation.

What I find fascinating is that the artists who have told their stories remain anonymous to the general public. This gives the piece a mystery and a universality that would be missing otherwise. It's similar, in my mind, to the feeling I get when I see an inuksuk or a Tibetan prayer flag, both of which say to me that someone was there, and each of them had a purpose in hanging the flag or stacking the stones. There is the enigma of understanding and yet not knowing. Like a Mona Lisa smile. Of course the shared experiences of the 10 participants and five volunteers have a specific value of their own; the tales that were told, the bonds that were formed.

There is talk of a long-term plan to have Community Conversations as a permanent fixture somewhere within the premises of HHHS. In the meantime, it can be seen at the Dysart branch library in Haliburton until June 7. It will then move to the Minden library, where it will reside for four weeks. Make sure you see this unique art installation.

Entry period open for Fashion Fallies show

Fashion Fallies is returning for fall of 2018. Organizers of the wearable art and performance event that wooed crowds last fall are busy planning this year's event, which will take place once again at Haliburton School of Art + Design on Friday, Nov. 9. The Arts Council ~ Haliburton Highlands event has recently released their call for entry. Fashion design experience is not required. Any and all mediums are welcome, including paper, wire, plastic, recycled materials, yarn, leaves, etc. Accessories, jewelry, single pieces or complete ensembles are all welcome.

"We have already heard that some people have already begun creating pieces," says Amy Brohm, Fashion Fallies planning committee member. "People are really excited about this event and we have a number of new things planned for 2018."

An information session and slideshow will be taking place on Wednesday, June 6 between 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Common Room of the Haliburton County Public Library for anyone who is interested in finding out more about the event and how they can submit a piece.

In addition, The Fashion Fallies committee in conjunction with Visible Voices studio is hosting a workshop called Head Over Heels for Fashion Fallies. This $10 workshop or pay-what-you-can is happening on Saturday, June 16 between 1 and 4 p.m. at Visible Voices Open Arts Studio on Industrial Drive. Head Over Heels will provide an opportunity to make fun and whimsical headpieces and get people inspired about creating for Fashion Fallies. All materials will be provided.

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Urban from Two Different View Points

LAURIE CARMOUNT
Special to *County Life*

From May 29 to July 2, the Agnes Jamieson Gallery is exhibiting two solo exhibitions by two artists, Matt McInnes and Rob Niezen, with a theme of urban landscape.

Matt McInnes is a Hamilton-based printmaker. He is a graduate of the Ontario College of Art and Design with a diploma in fine art and a focus in printmaking. He has been working at Centre 3 (formerly known as The Print Shop) since 2006. At this centre McInnes coordinates and teaches children, youth and adult programming.

McInnes's work has often been compared to artists David Milne and John Hartman. He is a master at drypoint etching, creating prints that are soft in colour and loose in lines. There is a sense of whimsy and nostalgia that suits very well with the theme he presents.

Notes from the Brightside Neighbourhood Project is the focus of McInnes's exhibition. Brightside was a workers' neighbourhood that flourished in the shadow of heavy industry in Hamilton, Ontario's northeast end from 1910 until the late 1960s. It was home to many labourers and immigrants from southern and eastern Europe who created a resilient, vibrant and supportive community in the midst of an industrial landscape that posed significant challenges as well as unique opportunities.

This piece is called "24 Front," by painter and printmaker Rob Niezen. See his work at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery until July 2.

Over the 1960s, Brightside was demolished in the name of industrial expansion, and the contemporary traces of this once thriving neighbourhood comprise a handful of houses and two remaining businesses. Notes from the Brightside Neighbourhood Project focuses on McInnes's visual documentation of this history, featuring work created from 2016 to present. A collaborative map and screen printed portraits and landscapes are based on stories recorded during interviews with Brightside's former and current residents.

The exhibition is part of the larger Brightside Neighbourhood Project, which aims to celebrate and remember this iconic Hamilton neighbourhood through art, research and community engagement. The project exists through the efforts of the Brightside Collective, spearheaded by Simon Orpana and Matt McInnes, who have been working alongside Brightsiders and other researchers to collect stories and remembrances. Our funding partners include the Centre for Community Engaged Narrative Arts at McMaster University and the Workers' Arts and Heritage Centre in Hamilton.

Compared to McInnes's work, Rob Niezen offers a view of urban landscape during the night, when city lights are reflected and glow – thus the titled of the exhibition Nocturnal Reflections.

The exhibition consists of oil paintings showing the vitality of the city; some depict close-ups of roads and streets, reinforcing the feeling of movement and human activity, while others offer a broader contextual view. The colours are intense and electric, the large canvases stunning.

Rob Niezen is a painter and printmaker. He paints mostly in oils, and his printmaking includes etchings and linocuts. His art has been shown in more than 30 juried exhibitions, and he has been a participant in the annual Kawartha Studio Tour since 2010. He is self taught, taking evening classes at Vrije Akademies in The Hague and Delft, the Netherlands, and courses at the Art School of Peterborough.

He explains his art best in his artist statement: *As a young boy it was comics that inspired me to draw, and art has been my passion ever since. In my observations of daily life, I explore the effects of light and reflections on contrast and colour harmony. With an eye for randomness I view the ordinary from extraordinary angles or at extraordinary moments. In my still-life and (urban) landscape oil paintings, I seek the drama, the exaggerated and the surprising in objects and places. My painting style is grounded in classic and impressionistic oil painting practice, yet influenced by European graphic novels and Dutch graphic tradition.*

His nocturnes show the dream world of the cities created by artificial lights. Rainy night reflections create bursts of colour, and reveal our theatrical surroundings. These paintings are a testament to the vibrancy of the city, and vary from broader contextual city views, to close-ups that render more abstract compositions as the artificial lights create magic on small and large scale.

To learn more about the background and influences of these artists, please join us at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery for the opening reception and artists' talks will be held Saturday, June 2, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Located at 176 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden. 705-286-3763

Laurie Carmount is curator of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery.

Top 10 reasons to have a sun roof in your car

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

LATELY, I HAVE been noticing that a lot of my family and friends have cars equipped with sun roofs. This made me realize that I have never had a vehicle with that option. Naturally, this got me thinking about why anyone would want a sun roof on their car. Here are the top 10 reasons I thought of.

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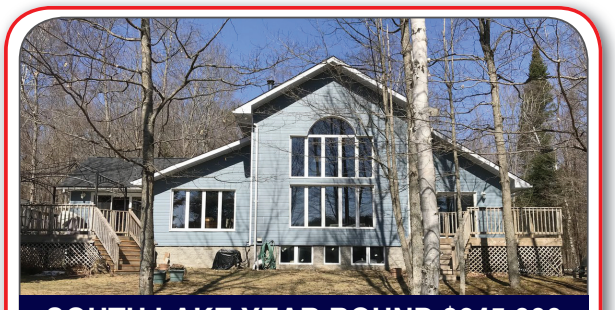

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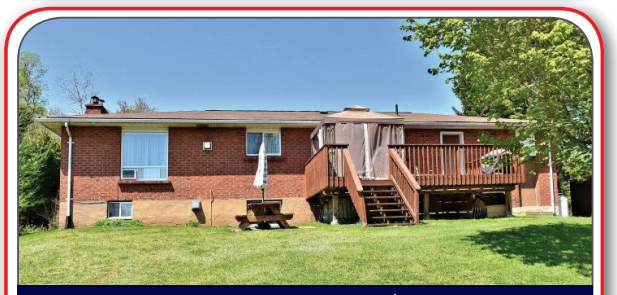

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Artist explores the beauty in 'the detritus of our everyday lives'

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The adage that one person's trash is another person's treasure is an understatement for oil-based painter Andrea Kastner. The Haliburton School of Art + Design's reclaim artist in residence for 2018 is sharing her expertise as an artist whose work underlines the beauty of neglected cityscapes and scenes of refuse.

"I like to look at places that we don't choose to look at first: the backs of houses, the garbage, the little holes and crumbly bits in our everyday life," she said.

When she saw the advertisement for the reclaim artist residency at the Haliburton School of Art + Design, she immediately applied for the position.

"It seemed like a great opportunity to speak with people at the landfill and to be able to talk to them and find out how they work," she said.

Kastner is originally from Montreal, but now resides in Binghamton, New York. She received her Bachelor of Fine Arts from Mount Allison University, and her Master of Fine Arts from the University of Alberta.

Kastner describes several moments that led her to become fascinated with art and refuse. The first moment was when she was at her parents' house and noticed a plastic bag stuffed with other plastic bags. She brought it to art school and began collaging the pieces, sparking an interest in what she calls "the detritus of our everyday lives."

While living in Edmonton, Kastner was struck by the vastness of the prairie-like landscape of the city and the people who inhabited that space. There, she began going through garbage and bringing it back to her studio, curious about what it would tell her.

"I would open up the bags and take out all the objects inside them and lay them out in a grid like an archaeology dig," she said. "I'd try to connect the dots of the people who were living there."

Kastner's work has been described as the "sacred nature of rejected things" – a lesson she aspires to share with the Haliburton community during her residency.

"What I hope that my paintings are able to do – and by visiting the studio – is that people spend a little extra time looking at things they don't normally glance at," she said.

The school's Reclaim Artist in Residence program is the only one of its kind in the province that allows artists to work with a municipal landfill. This year marks the fourth year that the Haliburton School of Art + Design has offered the residency, but it's the first year that a paint-based artist has held the position.

"The importance of the project is to provide education to the public on what's happening in the landfill and the impact that the landfill has in our community," said the school's dean, Sandra Dupret.

"It provides a look through the eyes of the artist," she said of the residency. "Part of the allure of that is you think of the landfill as an icky, yucky place, which it is, but there is a sublime beauty in the way the artist can interpret it."

Andrea Kastner is an oil painter who often looks to the aesthetics of the landfill for inspiration.
/The Inventory of Dreams; 60" x 84"; oil on canvas; 2014; Andrea Kastner.

When the school approached the municipality of Dysart et al about creating the partnership with the landfill, everyone was receptive to the idea and in educating the broader community, said Dupret.

"We're hopeful that people will come up to the campus and people will approach [Kastner] and ask her questions. If they see her in the landfill, ask her what she's doing and why she's doing it."

Connecting with residents is also an important component of her residency, said Kastner, especially in having a dialogue about landfills and refuse in the Haliburton community.

"I hope that when they look at their surroundings that they see it with a slightly different point of view, and that the things they are looking at speak to them a little more and glow a little brighter."

Kastner's residency began on May 28 and continues for six weeks. Kastner will have access to a studio on the Haliburton School of Art + Design campus.

She plans to hold a public lecture about her work, but a date has not yet been determined. To learn more about Kastner and her work, visit www.andreakastner.net.

Andrea Kastner is the Haliburton School of Art + Design's Reclaim Artist in Residence for 2018. /Photograph by Colin Lyons.

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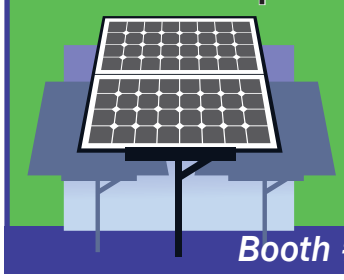
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Haliburton Home and Cottage Show celebrates its 40th anniversary

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This weekend marks the 40th anniversary of the Haliburton Home and Cottage Show. The three-day event runs from June 1 to June 3 hosted at and sponsored by the Haliburton Curling Club.

The show boasts exhibitors with a wide assortment of products on display, from home décor, to docks, to saunas, to ATVs and paddleboard lessons.

One of the show's strengths, said Rick Ashall, the show's manager, is that the Haliburton Home and Cottage Show is one of the most established events of its kind. He said he's been approached by two other home shows for advice on what makes the Haliburton Home and Cottage Show such a success.

This year, there are close to 150 vendors at the event, composed of roughly 16 or 17 outside vendors.

"We're going to various home shows who are unique to Haliburton County, that you wouldn't normally see on the main drag. We try and get things that are very different than more of the same," Ashall said. "The diversity is amazing."

Ashall said some of the more innovative products in past years have included a wine hook – an invention that securely fastens your beverage to your dockside chair – and a young photographer with an entrepreneurial spirit who offered to take photographs of homes and cottages with her drone.

The Haliburton Home and Cottage Show is so popular, that it has a waiting list for prospective vendors, said Ashall. On average, the show attracts between 2,500 to 3,500 attendees per year. Roughly 25 per cent of the show's attendees are cottagers.

Ashall said the show relies on its 120 volunteers who are charged with duties such as parking and security in order to keep things running smoothly throughout the weekend. The volunteers working the kitchen at the curling club also cook lunches, barbecues, and handle food sales during the event.

For more information about the Haliburton Home and Cottage Show, please visit www.haliburtonhomeandcottageshow.com. The show's hours are Friday, June 1 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, June 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, June 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is $3 for adults and free for children. Parking is free.

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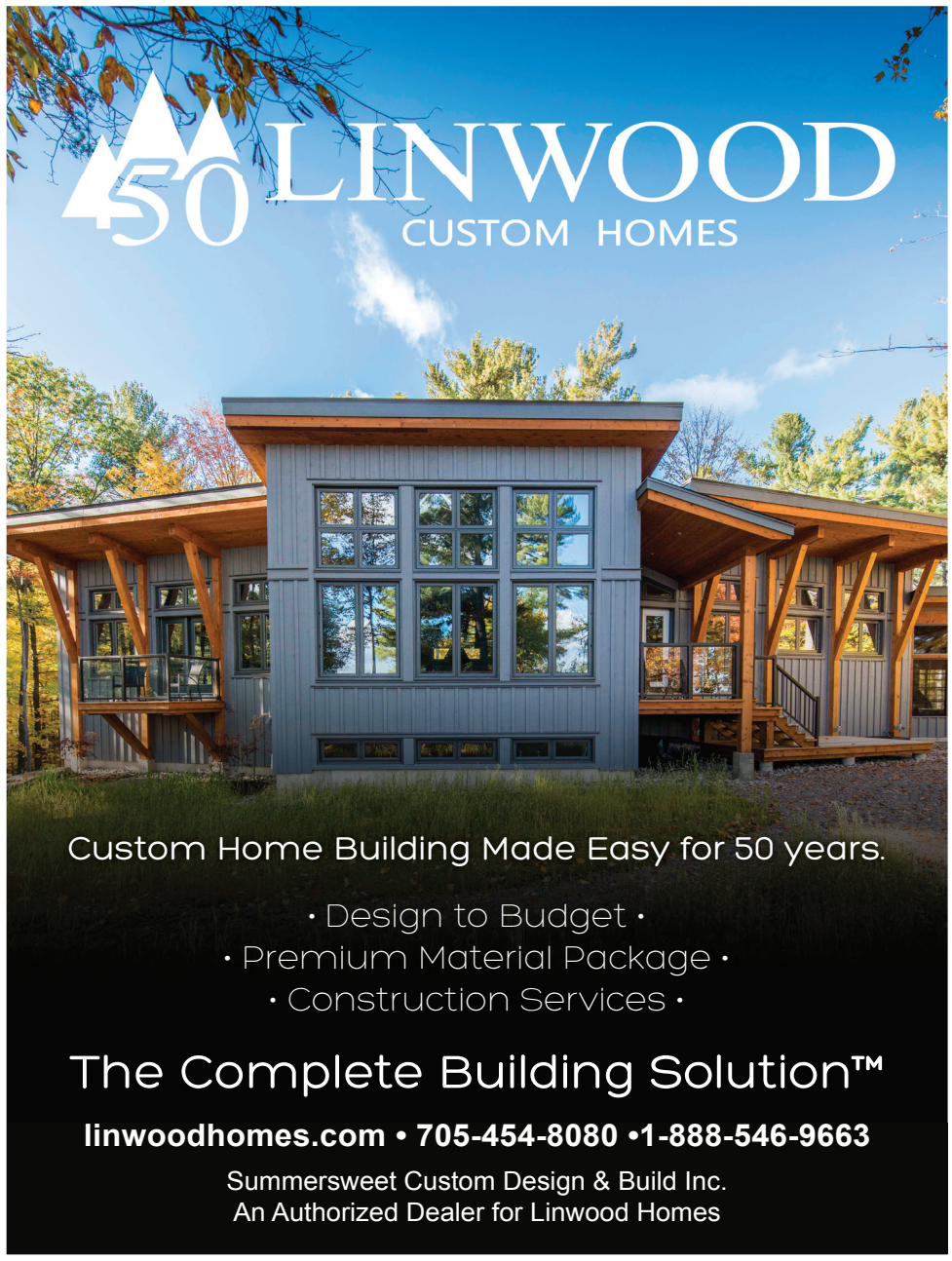
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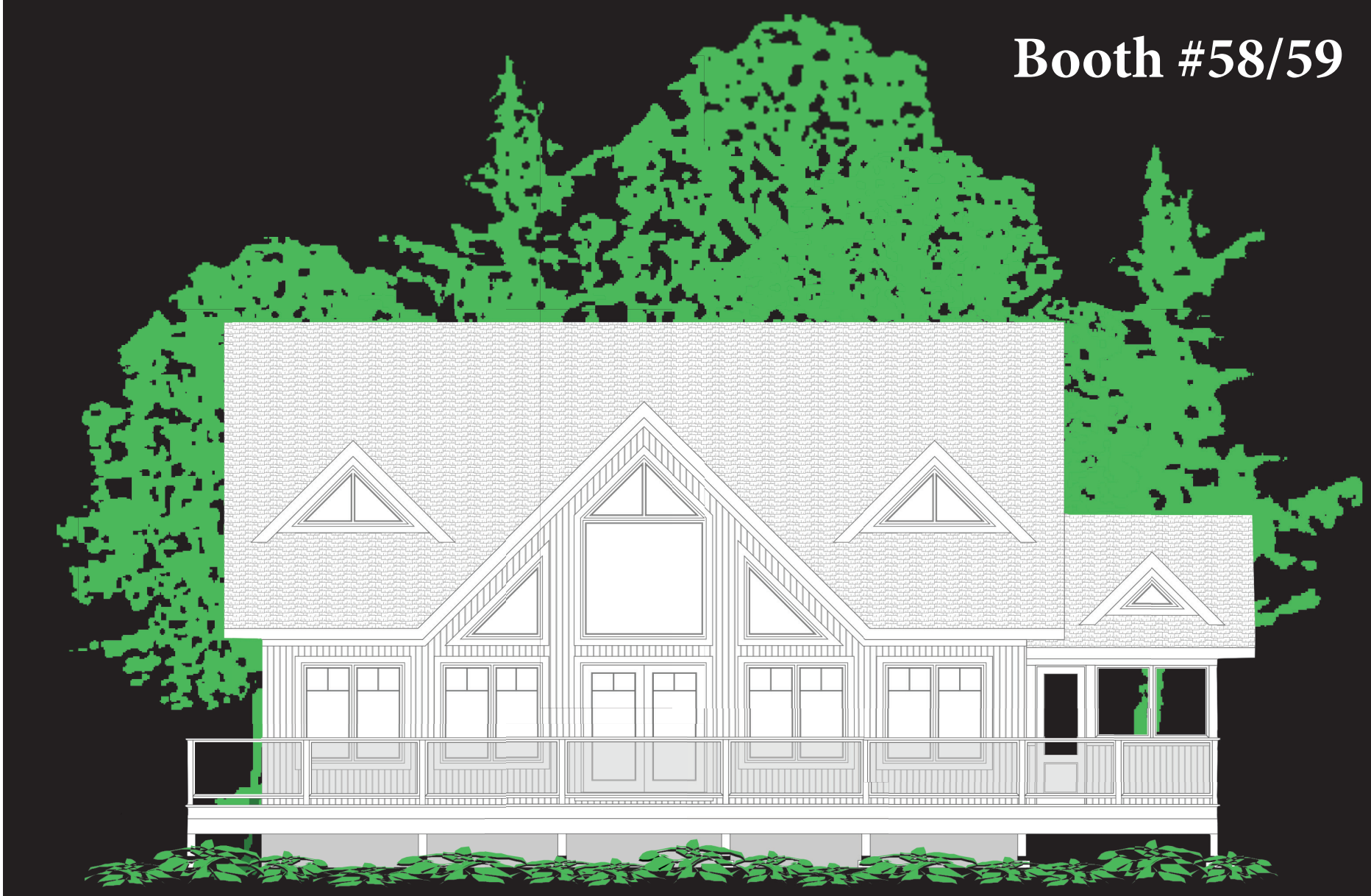

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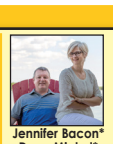

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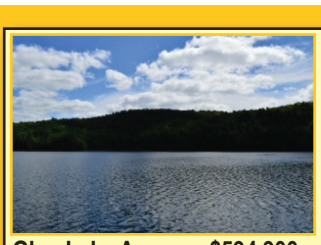

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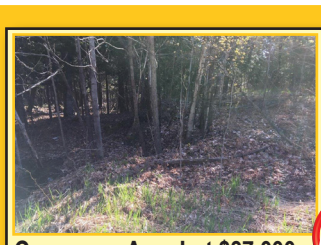

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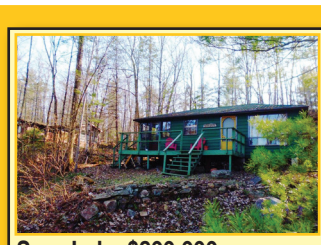

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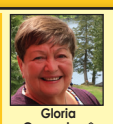

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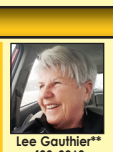


Lee Gauthier**
489-9968

NEW LISTING

Billings Lake $420,000

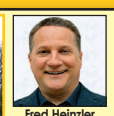
- Low maintenance 2 bdrm cottage + Bunkie
- Beautiful flat lot with big lake view
- Boats & all furniture/furnishings comes with

Scott Harrison*
286-2138 x 28

SOLD

Minden Home $299,000

- Lovely 4 bdrm in-town home just steps from the school. Nicely updated, lots of natural light. Large deck/private yard.



Fred Heinzler
788-5825

Kinmount Home $439,000

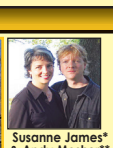
- 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on 25 acres
- Trails, open fields, forest& a pond, currently home to bees, chickens & organic gardens

Andrew Hodgson***
286-2138 x 29

NEW LISTING

Paradise Lake $449,000

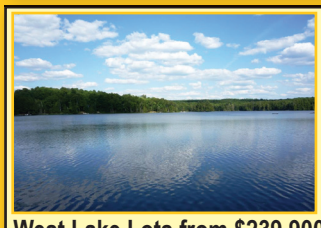
- 156 ft, clean, hard-packed sand, South Exp
- Good privacy at deck & lk plus dbl car garage
- Nice neighborhood, only 5 mins to Haliburton

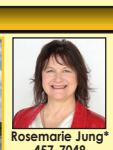


Susanne James*
& Andy Mosher**
457-2128 x 33

Miskwabi Lake $949,900

- Post and Beam home on Miskwabi Lake N. Shore
- 165' beautiful rock & sand shoreline, 2 lake chain
- Detached double garage w/ finished space above

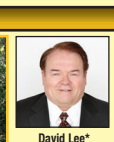




Rosemarie Jung*
457-7049

West Lake Lots from $239,900

- 3 beautiful waterfront lots to choose from
- Access via township road, terrific building sites
- Suitable for home or cottage location



David Lee*
286–2138 x 27

NEW LISTING

Norland Home $159,000

- For the Handy Man
- 3 bedroom , 2 story home with loft
- Well & septic, 1 + acre lot

Brandon Nimigon*
457–2128 x 27

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Karen Nimigon**
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NEW LISTING

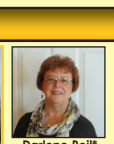
Drag Lake $899,000

- Charming 4 bedroom, 2 bath 4 season cottage
- Sand shoreline, majestic lake views & lots of sun
- Many recent updates throughout

Kirsten Rae*
286-2138 x 30

Minden Hills Home $215,000

- 3 bedroom bungalow, surrounded by nature on 2.78 acres
- Perfect retirement or starter home!

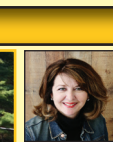


Darlene Reil*
447-2055

SOLD IN 1 WEEK

Elephant Lake Rd $99,900

- 98 acres with creek running through
- Frontage on 2 roads

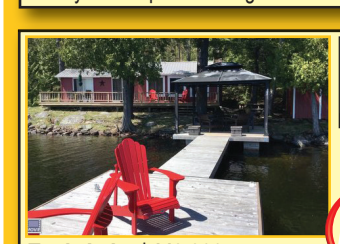


Christine Sharp*
286-2138 x59

NEW LISTING

Close to Town $299,500

- 1200 sq', 3 bedrooms, almost 6 acres
- Double garage & single garage
- Large deck and screen gazebo



Greg Stamp*
457-2128 x 28

NEW LISTING

Eagle Lake $449,000

- Well maintained traditional 3 bdrm cottage
- Big lake views from master, dining & living rooms
- Clean shore & dry boathouse at the waters

Melanie
Vigrass*
286-2138 x 32

SOLD

Norland Cabin $124,000

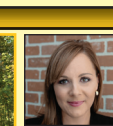
- Charming Log Cabin
- Updated Kitchen & Bath
- 1 Acre Lot – Great Weekend Retreat

Tom Wilkinson**
286-2138 x 25

NEW LISTING

Gull River $379,900

- 3 bedroom home or cottage
- Minutes from Minden
- Swimming at dock and boat to Gull Lk or Minden



Andrea Wilson**
457-2128 x 25

SOLD

Paradise Lake $324,000

- Immaculate year-round get-a-way or home + bunkie
- Nestled at the water's edge, renovated & upgraded
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UPCOMING Community Events

PARISH HOME INSPECTIONS

Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at classifieds@haliburtonpress.com.

Upcoming Events

Need to Know Education Series:
Simple and Affordable Ways to Eat Healthy Feel Great and Live a Healthy Life
When: Wednesday, May 30, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Where: Haliburton United Church, Haliburton
Join our Diabetes Education experts and taste test your way to learning how to prepare and enjoy healthy food to fuel your life! From resource information, recipes, tutorials on preparation, and an overview of the benefits of food as a tool to living a healthier life, this workshop is a valuable opportunity to keep you healthy.
Registration to attend this free event is required. Tel 705-457-2941 x 2922, Email: nbrownsberger@hhhs.ca

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Annual General Meeting
When: Saturday June 2, 10:00 a.m. to noon
Where: Minden Cultural Centre, Bobcaygeon Rd. Minden
Join us as we celebrate our accomplishments of the past year, present our financials, and make announcements of exciting plans for the year ahead! Stay and chat with friends and enjoy a snack afterwards. Register online at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca

Haliburton County Master Gardeners' Plant Sale:
When: Saturday, June 2 at 10 a.m. sharp
Where: Village Green in downtown Minden.
Come early to get a number and browse the plants. Hardy perennials and many unusual daylilies. Great prices. Contact Heather at 705 489-4030.

The Haliburton Highlands Grannies annual Grannies Tea
When: Sunday June 3, 2018, Doors open at 1 p.m., tea begins 1:30 p.m.
Where: Stanhope Community Centre, North Shore Rd.
Loonie Auction, Granny Creations Marketplace and Herbs from Abbey Gardens
For Tickets, call: Jacqui Clarkson 754-9851, Gayle Upshall 286-3411

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Discovery Days 2018
Bat Box Building Workshop
When: Saturday June 9, 10 a.m. to noon
Where: Haliburton Fish Hatchery
Haliburton is home to the eight bat species found in Ontario. However, bat populations are declining due in most part to White Nose Syndrome, an invasive fungus. Bat boxes are easy to make and install and provide bats with alternative roost sites. Join us to assemble your own bat box from kits provided by the Land Trust and the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association. Please register as there are a limited number of bat box kits for this workshop. Register at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca under the Events tab or call 705-457-3700. Funded in part by TD Friends of the Environment.

The Kaleidoscope of Authors
When: June 9 from 1 to 4 p.m.
Where: Wintergreen Maple Syrup and Pancake Barn, 3325 Gelert Road
Looking for that special gift? Join us for our first Kaleidoscope and meet local authors, find out about the story behind their stories and purchase autographed copies.
For more information, contact Marie Gage at 705-854-2122

Lochlin United Church presents Gord Kidd & Friend Shawn Chamberlin with their Gospel and Country Music Show
When: Monday, June 11, 7 to 9 p.m.
Where: 1050 Lochlin Road (off Gelert Rd.)
By Donation- Refreshments following
further info: Helen 705-286-6087

Water Ambassadors Canada 6th Annual Charity Golf Classic
When: Thursday, June 21
Time: 1 p.m. shotgun start, 6 p.m. dinner
Where: Pinestone Resort
Register: www.waterambassadorscanada.org/golf.html or contact Ursula at 705-455-2037 golf@waterambassadorscanada.org
Water Ambassadors Canada provides clean drinking water to impoverished communities around the world. Last year's tournament raised enough money to help over 10,000 people. Let's do it again.

Recurring Events

VON Smart exercise class
for balance, strength , and flexibility resumes in Sept. in Minden : Hyland Crest auditorium on Wednesdays 11-12 , Haliburton: EchoHills on Thursdays 1-2. For more information contact Cathy at 705-457-2996 or Judy at 705-306-9064.

Line Dancing
When: Wednesdays from 9:30am-11:30am
Where: AJ Larue Arena, Haliburton, Second Floor
Have fun and exercise line dancing with us every Wednesday morning.
Beginners always welcomed!
Cost: $3.00 per class
Contact: Chalene Smith, 705-457-3985

Kinmount Library
The Friends of the Library group have a monthly book sale at the Kinmount Library the 3rd Saturday of every month.

Morning Glories
When: Tuesday and Friday 8:30am
Where: Upstairs in the Haliburton Arena
Contact: Jane Jaycock 705-754-9996 or jjaycock@hotmail.com
Exercises for cardio, strength training, balance and flexibility

Youth Program
Minden has a Youth Program!! Students in grades 8 and up are invited to supper and program every Thursday night from 5:45 to 8:00 p.m.
Everyone welcome! Explore faith, learn new skills, enjoy hanging out with other youth.
Program run by Monarch Bible Camp and Youth Unlimited.
Where: Minden Bible Church-Bobcaygeon Road
Information: teresa@youthunlimitedkaw.com or 705-887-3625

Cancer Support Group,
Open to anyone who has been diagnosed with or survived cancer. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Ruth Parkes Room at the Haliburton Hospital from 1 pm to 3 pm. Please contact community support services 705-457-2941 for more information

Al-anon Minden
When; Monday evenings at 8 p.m.
Where: Hyland Crest (north entrance, follow signs inside building), 6 MacPherson, Minden
Details: For relatives and friends of problem drinkers. For more information call 1-888-425-2666

Kitchen Party Music Jams
When: Every Saturday From 1 to 4 p.m. (continuous event)
Where: Dominion Hotel Pub, 113 Main Street, Minden, ON
Details: Musicians are welcome to come out to play and Fans are welcome to come out and enjoy the music at the free Jam Sessions every Saturday afternoon - 1st Saturday Folk/Celtic Music, 2nd & 5th Saturdays Mixed Acoustic Music, 3rd Saturday Country Music & 4th Saturday Bluegrass Music.
Contact: Gerry Mitchell at (705)799-5008 or by email at kitchenpartymusicjams@hotmail.com

Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild
When: Second Wednesday of every month, at 1 to 4 p.m.
Where: Stanhope Community Centre, 1095 North Shore Rd., Algonquin Highlands
Details: Meeting often preceded by working on a project at 10 am.
Contact: Pat Campbell at (705) 286-6042 or patcampbell@live.ca

Haliburton Highlands Weaving & Spinning Guild Open Studios:
Time: Every Tues. 1 to 4 p.m.
Place: Zion United Church, Carnarvon
No experience needed.
Contact: Pat @ 705-286-6042 or andreacoysh@gmail.com

Dorset Craft Connections Group
When: Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.
$1 per person

Haliburton Region Shout Sister! Choir
When: Practices are held Thursday nights from 7 to 9 p.m.
Where: Haliburton United Church, Fellowship Room, 10 George St., Haliburton.
Details: Directed by Laurel McCauley, Welcoming new members. We do not audition and learn our music by ear. All levels of singers are welcome. We sing a fun variety of music from pop and folk to Motown.

Legion Events

Branch 636, Minden
Monday – Thursday Lunch 12 to 2 p.m.
Tuesday Special liver day, regular menu also.
Friday 12 to 2 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., Fish, Chicken Wings, Fries and Onion Rings.
Daily events:
Monday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Haliburton Highlands Rug Hookers. (every two weeks)
Tuesday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Senior art group. 1 to 4 p.m., Bid Euchre,
Wednesday 12 - Meat Draws, 4 butcher quality meats for $1 a ticket. 1 to 4 p.m., Ladies Darts, 5 to 7 p.m. Calorie Counters.
Thursday 7 p.m. Darts. 7 p.m. Euchre
Friday Every second week, Karaoke with Fred and Linda, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.
Saturday Special Lunch every week with meat Draw at 1 p.m.
Sunday Sports Day 12 to 4:30 p.m.

Branch 624, Wilberforce
Friday Ham & Scalloped dinner 5 to 7 p.m.
Saturday 45th Legion anniversary
Meat draw 2 p.m. Early bird 3 p.m.
Monday Bid euchre 7 p.m. Beginners welcome
Tuesday Executive meeting 7 p.m.
Wednesday Fun Darts 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome
Thursday Community care seniors program 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Lou Moody Rainbow trout derby
1st prize: Teena Smith, 1.88lbs, $100, 2nd prize: Bob Elliott, 1.68 lbs, $50, 3rd prize: Steve Mirams, $45.
Mac Hughes Horseshoe tournament
1st: Duke Townsend and Jeremy Roberts, $100, 2nd: Mike Bryan and Mat Johnson $50, 3rd: Zack Townsend and Ron Townsend $30.
Upcoming events
June 9 - Rick Rowe Horseshoe tournament
June 23 - Harold Floden Bass derby
We are electing in new Executive members and they need all the time that anyone can offer. Need Ham & Scalloped volunteers immediately. Help with sports and meat draws. Please let myself or the legion know if you can help. 705-727-2417

Branch 129, Haliburton
Dave Allen, PRO 705-457-2571

Mondays:	Bridge every Monday at 1 p.m.
Tuesdays:	Fun Darts starting at 7 p.m.
Wednesdays:	Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start Bingo Doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. - $500 Jackpot, $1,000 Jackpot - last Wednesday of the month.
Thursdays:	General Meeting third Thursday of the month starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays:	Cribbage 1 p.m. start, Meat Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw - 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $2 per draw. Chester Howse, MC Friday fun darts - 4:30 p.m. onwards
Saturdays:	50/50 Draw 4 p.m. draw, Tickets are $1 each from noon onwards
Sundays:	Breakfast Second and fourth Sunday of the month – 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. $6 per person.

Occasional volunteers are needed.
Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at **(705) 457- 2571**, email **rcl129@bellnet.ca** or visit **haliburtonlegion.com** Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129, everyone is welcome!

Register now for Swimming Lessons at Eagle Lake and Pine Lake

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Home-school students' film featured at TIFF

JENN WATT
County Life Editor

Out of the hundreds of films submitted to Toronto International Film Festival's Jump Cuts Young Filmmaker Showcase, the piece created by Haliburton Home-school's group of budding filmmakers made the top 25.

Invited to present their creation, called *Ed and Ted*, the young students made their way to Toronto the weekend of May 12 to join other Grade 4 to 8 students in the festival.

To celebrate their success, the students met with their instructor Tammy Rea at The Gathering Place at Abbey Gardens to screen the piece and reminisce about the experience.

As containers of watermelon and orange slices circulated the room, two of the students – Olivia Humphries and Lillian Ramsdale – talked about the process of making the film and presenting it.

They worked on *Ed and Ted: A Snow Story* every Wednesday morning for eight sessions through the winter. Rea said they came up with the story in the first session and after that it was a matter of organizing the various shots, finding the right supplies and co-ordinating a trip to Canadian Tire, where part of it was filmed.

"The creativity in this group is off the charts," Rea said.

The story of *Ed and Ted* is described this way on the TIFF Jump Cuts website: "The snowboy feels lonely and makes a snowpet, but when spring arrives, he must find a way to stay friends forever."

Four of the students created original compositions for the film.

Rea said the storyline gave *Ed and Ted* an edge at the film festival.

"It was a good story and I know that TIFF likes stories. I thought if they could make it well, have it well done, that it would be worth sending. It was always our goal," Rea said.

The students are already working on their next piece, this one about a pinecone and a stone working to save the forest from a feller buncher, which is a machine that cuts down trees.

Comic Con coming to county fair this June

ANGELICA INGRAM
County Life Staff

If you're planning on heading to the 154th annual Haliburton County Fair on June 9, you may have a superhero sighting.

This year's fair will feature much of the traditional line-up of fun, with some new highlights, including the first ever Minden Comic Con.

The comic event is available at no extra cost, as it falls under the fair's general admission. It is geared to all age groups.

"I can hardly wait to see it," said county fair board vice-president Cathy Fisher.

Fisher is excited about the Comic Con portion and all that's in store for this year's fair goers.

The fair will feature an afternoon of live music by local musicians, including Trina West, Bill Candy, Algonquin Highlands Jazz Quartet, County Road One, and Northbourne. The music starts at noon and plays until close.

There will be demonstrations throughout the day, including a plowing match, MNRF firefighting, the Haliburton County Farmer's Association, pony rides, a mutt show, wildlife rescue show and display, and a craft beer tent.

"All these things are free, once you pay your admission to get into the fair," said Fisher.

The fair will also have the Re/Max hot air balloon from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., offering free rides.

Younger children will enjoy face painting, bouncy castles, inflatable rides, and the Dalrymple Rabbitry exhibit, which allows them to hold rabbits.

"We have a lady coming from Renfrew that has six miniature horses," said Fisher. "She's going to be demonstrating the unicorn, the tandem … throughout the day."

Fisher stressed that the event is affordable family fun and that visitors are even allowed to bring in their own food to the fair.

On June 8 there is a beef barbecue dinner fundraiser for the fair at the community centre, featuring live music by band Bar Haven. Tickets for the dinner are $25 for adults, $15 for kids 12 and under and free for children six and under.

Admission for the fair is $10 for adults, and $7 for kids 12 and under. A family pass is $25 and covers two adults and two children.

The fair takes place at the Minden Fairgrounds, located on Bobcaygeon Road.

Rough camping is also available on Thursday, Friday and Saturday for $40 per trailer (this does not include your general admission to the fair).

More information is available at www.haliburtoncountyfair.ca.

Get The Word Out

Let people know about your event.
Send it in to our FREE community events listing in the Haliburton Echo, Minden Times and County Life. Email the basics to Pat Lewis: classifieds@haliburtonpress.com or call us at 705-457-1037.

HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS HEALTH SERVICES
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Haliburton Highlands Health Services
Now Seeking Members for
Community Advisory Committee

Haliburton Highlands Health Services is seeking community-minded individuals interested in serving on a 12-14 member Community Advisory Committee, responsible for providing advice and insight to its Board of Directors on the delivery and future planning of community services in Haliburton County. The Advisory Committee will also provide linkages to the community on trends and issues related to the community services.

Key functions of the Community Advisory Committee will include providing advice on:

- Needs of community services clients
- The unique and diverse needs of the Haliburton community
- Further opportunities for partnership and collaboration
- Best approaches for communicating with the community
- Feedback on the delivery of community services and future planning for services

The Committee generally meets on Thursday mornings 6 to 8 times per year. In addition work groups meet at other times convenient to the individual members.

If you feel you have the time, energy and commitment to be a member of the new Community Advisory Committee, then we would like to hear from you by **June 15, 2018**.

For further information and an application package, please contact:
Carolyn Plummer via email at **cplummer@hhhs.ca**
OR phone at 705) 457-1392 Extension 2242.

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Minden OPP office now a satellite

by Andrew Milne

The OPP plans to reduce its Minden office to a satellite of the Coboconk detachment.

Any layoffs associated with the move will be announced early next week.

Office staff members awaiting the layoffs described themselves last week as anxious and distressed.

According to Regional Commander, Bill Hutton, the 'sub-detachment' will be located in a building adjacent to the Minden MNR office. The decision to relocate was made following a visit to that site last week.

The station's office staff will in all likelihood be reduced in the move.

Hutton says the OPP might consider moving administration back into the Minden area, should a building large enough become available.

"We just don't think that [the size of the building] gives us the luxury of having three office staff working in there as well," Hutton said.

The detachment will not lose any police officers in the downsizing — apart from a staff sergeant already removed from his position. The Minden officers currently report to Coboconk staff sergeant Andy Millar, who spends half his week at the Minden location.

Any office staff layoffs will be announced June 11.

The plans are that the sub-detachment will also no longer have a public phone line, though OPP officials say they may attempt to arrange that the current phone number ring through to Coboconk.

When the move will take place is not yet final. OPP officials say they are waiting for the computer systems to be in place, something that's supposed to be done this July.

The lease on the current building, which has expired, has been extended to next summer.

Office staff members contacted last week were anxious about the future. As of Friday afternoon, they were still waiting to hear officially whether the detachment really was being reduced. They did know, however, that there might be layoffs. Office employees were sent earlier this year to a semi-

(more on page 4)

Hospitals transferred

Sister Hilda Maloney of the Sisters of St. Joseph Hospital in Peterborough signs documents officially transferring the ownership of Haliburton and Minden hospitals to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Board, Chairman of the local board, Paul Heffer, centre and executive director Foster Loucks were part of the ceremony which took place on Friday.

by Andrew Milne

At approximately 5:30 p.m., May 31, it was official.

The ownership of the Minden and Haliburton hospitals was transferred to the local health services board.

Sister Hilda Maloney, of the Sisters of St. Joseph, signed the deeds over to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation in a brief ceremony held at the PineStone Inn.

Board members of the HHHS present, described the event as something of a milestone.

Said chairman Paul Heffer, "With this signing today, we are assuming responsibility for a critical component of our health care system. It is but the first step in the transition that needs to take place."

Heffer, with others, thanked St. Joseph's for its commitment to health care in the county over the years since it assumed control of the Minden and Haliburton hospitals. Heffer also thanked the province and the county for their commitment to health care in the area.

Maloney spoke briefly on St. Joseph's experience with rural health care over the years of administering the

(more on page 4)

Knowledge of CPR saves man's life

Victim's family says Shawn Hagerman is a hero

Shawn Hagerman, Haliburton agent for Mutual Life, endorses a life insurance policy that even his own company doesn't sell.

The 'life insurance' is one that thousands have taken over the years, learning life saving techniques that they hope they will never have to use. But, like Shawn, these people are willing to be a part of the ever-increasing corps of individuals who know CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation).

Last week, the West Guilford resident was glad to know CPR. He was equally glad to have recently upgraded his certification.

Shawn was in Lindsay on business late Wednesday afternoon when he stopped at Pizza Hut for an early supper. Shortly after placing his order, a frantic member of the staff came rushing through the restaurant asking if there was a doctor among the patrons. Shawn identified himself as a person who was trained in CPR and she directed him to a 72 year old man, Lucien Plante, lying on the sidewalk outside the restaurant.

Shawn Hagerman

"He had been down for about two minutes and was obviously choking. His face was blue. I knew this was serious," Shawn recounted. The manger of the restaurant, Shannon Wilson, had come to the man's aid but asked for Shawn's assitance.

He immediately began to apply CPR, a series of chest compressions followed by mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. The regimen is repeated until the patient revives or assistance arrives.

"I'm not really sure how long I was at it. It is difficult to get a fix on time under those circumstances, " Shawn recalled. "I couldn't find a pulse, so I just kept following the CPR routine."

"After what seemed like five or six minutes, whatever was blocking the man's breathing cleared and I could see he was starting to breath on his own. The (blue) colour was draining from his face."

A short time later the ambulance arrived and the victim was quickly bundled onto the stretcher and whisked away to the hospital.

"It was over almost as quickly as it began," Shawn recalls. "One minute I'm ordering supper, moments later I'm out on the sidewalk attempting to save this man's life, and then just as suddenly, everything is over," fortunately with a happy ending for everyone.

After the excitement subsided, Shawn returned to the restaurant where supper was on the house. Later that evening, when Shawn visited Ross Memorial Hospital, he met the man whose life he had saved. "He was sitting up and talking; looking pretty

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Race around at least once a day – it energizes the whole body and the deep soul.

Sleep in the afternoon as well as most of the night. Get up early.

Be continually curious. Even familiar people and things show something new every day. Jump on it if you can.

Eat twice a day. Three times a day can make you lazy.

Sniff everything, very slowly. Let your nose teach you about what you perceive. Trust that.

When cold, find a heat source and roll over in its beams. Then fall into a nap.

Explore every blade of grass and new smell in your world, but never hurry unless something is running away from you, like a ball or a mouse or a frog.

Welcome every new person with curious sniffing, especially men with beards.

Don't eat until you know you really want it. Pause and look away a few times before you take a bite, no matter how hungry you might be.

Love everything and everyone, even the dog, though caution is recommended with her!

* "MaCushla" is the Irish word for "my sweet little darling." In this case it is mainly shortened to "Cushie."

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Unlikely Dreams

Tin wore layered tank tops and multi-coloured tights. She was beautiful in a dainty way. Her feet were bare and she'd laid a blanket on the cinders of the roof. Tin and her parents had come from Korea and lived in a tenement near the Seattle waterfront. Her father worked loading ships and her mother cleaned the offices of those who ran the shipyards.

Tin was almost finished high school and was hoping for a chance to be a dancer and go to dance school. Dance was her dream but her parents wanted her to get a job and help with the meagre family finances.

She danced in spite of her situation, she practised each time she could get away to the roof of her building. It was a bleak scene surrounded by huge grey buildings and ugly apartments, windows looking out onto similar gravel roofs and brick walls, but here there was space, peace and freedom for Tin. She worked on her craft alone working hard on her balance. The music was in her head. She knew she couldn't go far without instruction and other dancers and real music, but this roof was her escape from arguing, dingy walls and the disapproval of her parents.

She packed up her blanket and slowly climbed down the steel stairs from the top to her floor No. 7, heading inside to prepare supper for her family.

Four years they had been here, all of her high school time and her jobs at home were to prepare meals, clean the rooms and wash the dishes after.

Her parents were tired at night from physical work and they said she'd been sitting in comfort all day so at night she could work. She didn't mind this but she did want time to dance so she learned to prepare food quickly and when it was ready she would climb to the roof and practise her dancing. She always worried that her father and mother would get home first and find her missing but so far she'd managed to arrive before them and set the table so she could greet them properly and cook while they washed up and relaxed from their day.

Today was a warm spring day full of bird-song and warm breezes. Tin heard good music coming from one of the apartment windows so she danced to this new music. It was beautifully played by a young lad with a violin. She danced and danced and finally realized that she'd been too long. Quickly she bundled up her things and ran for the stairs, the music still singing in her head. Her mother was home.

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Hope The Rocket

Hope, our three-year-old, 57 lb Belgian Malinois, charged out of the bush with two coyotes twice her size in hot pursuit. The coats of the coyotes were matted and mangy, creating a wild sinister look. I sprang off the couch, tore open the glass sliding door and ran outside onto the veranda. From my safe spot I let out a savage growl as loud as I could, in hopes it would stop the chase. The last coyote did stop suddenly, and stood there staring at me across our country property from about 500 feet away. I could see its yellow eyes. It couldn't know my heart was pounding like a freight train, it would only see my challenging, hostile "don't mess with the Mother" stare. My eyes riveted ahead looking for Hope. Because she is only half the size of a German Shepherd, I couldn't see her or the other coyote because of the trees. But I could see that Hope seemed to be deliberately leading them away from me – something we did not train her to do.

Our house is surrounded by 30 acres of forest, with our only neighbour being half a mile south on our single lane gravel road. We keep the grass cut between our neighbour's property and ours, using this area for our large vegetable gardens, and fruit trees. We enjoy a multitude of birds as well as deer, wild turkeys, fox, and moose as they pass through. However, we've also had bears, coyotes and the odd wolf near the house, which to me are frightening and dangerous. It's Hope's job to warn us when this last group of animals are around. When she appears suddenly antsy we know to pay attention, and we quickly go into the house taking her with us for the rest of the day.

With my heart pounding I called "Hope, come! Hope, come!" and whistled repeatedly. Suddenly Hope appeared – tearing her way through the trees and ice-topped snow, with one coyote snapping at her heels. I kept calling her in a commanding tone, "Hope, come! Come, Hope, good girl, good girl!" I was relieved to see that she seemed to have changed her mind about sacrificing herself for my safety, and was now heading in my direction. I just kept calling and praising her, to assure her she was doing what we wanted her to do. I was so frightened that coyote was going to catch and attack her.

I willed her towards me with every stride. She kept making her way closer to me, and had by now created a little distance between her and the beasts pursuing her. Her front paws splayed and her claws dug into the icy crust, giving her traction. Her muscular little body rocketed towards me across the hilly yard, successfully putting more distance between her and the coyotes. She was going to make it home. My heart soared! Seconds later she flew over the five veranda steps, without touching at all, and straight through the open glass sliding door to safety. Backing into the house with her I quickly slammed the glass door behind us. I grabbed Hope's torso in a tight but gentle hug while repeatedly praising her as I rubbed her head. Then I gently touched her all over to check for any possible wounds. A section of her tail was gooey with what I assumed was coyote saliva. She cringed when I felt that section, as if it was tender, but it wasn't broken and she wasn't bleeding anywhere. Standing up I scanned the yard and peered into the trees where I had last seen the coyotes. I watched them slink away, dejected, up the old logging road, as they headed back into the forest. I then sat down with Hope and just hugged her in relief. And then I began to chastise myself.

You see, we are Hope's third owners. We previously had a German shepherd, but about eight months after our beloved shepherd had passed away we received

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a Facebook message asking if we could take Hope. She wasn't suited for a city backyard and needed a home with property and lots of space to run.

Hope's breed is often confused with the German shepherd breed, which are bigger and heavier boned. Equally intelligent, both breeds serve in the military and on police forces. Historically the Belgium Malinois served as messengers and assistants to the Red Cross. Both are bred for herding, making them ideal for our property since they stay around the yard without being leashed.

However, like her previous owners, we found Hope to be a bit high strung, and she seemed to frequently suffer severely from separation anxiety – especially in the car when one of us got out. And while we had a big property, our house is fairly small. She seemed to be maybe a bit too high energy for our little house so, as a result, I had been giving her Alpha-S1 Tryptic Casein, the same natural enzyme found in turkey that makes humans a little sleepy after enjoying a turkey dinner. Our veterinarian had prescribed it at my request to help Hope relax and take her energy level down a tad. But that day I found myself so grateful that she hadn't had enough pills to have had any real effect.

The Belgian Malinois are very smart, truly loyal and so affectionate. Hope can run crazy fast, like nothing I've ever seen. In addition, she seems to have a very long tongue that she jubilantly uses to express her love and joy at being in your presence. I call it Hope's nine-foot tongue because you can't escape it. I immediately went to the kitchen and threw the remaining pills away. How selfish I had been! I realized that where we live, Hope needs all her speed to survive and come home safe. I've certainly learned my lesson. I love our little Rocket, just as she is.

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Rampage on Yonge St.

It's Monday; it's sunny and warm like it was four weeks ago after the Yonge St. rampage.

On that Monday, I wasn't at my cottage on Eagle Lake but, as usual, back in my condo located at Finch and Yonge.

On that Monday, about 7 a.m., as usual, I walked south on Yonge from Finch to Mel Lastman Square and swam at the Douglas Snow Aquatic Centre.

On that Monday, as usual, about 10 a.m., I walked back up Yonge to my condo and enjoyed my breakfast.

On that Monday, about 11:30 a.m., as usual, I got in my car and drove to a supermarket at Yonge and Steeles where I bought ingredients to make chicken soup.

About 12:30 p.m., I parked my car back in my condo underground parking space, went back into my suite to cook, to eat lunch, to relax and read for the rest of the afternoon – as usual.

Then, at 5:30 p.m. I turned on the radio to CBC news and heard that at about 1:30 p.m. 10 people were killed and about 15 were in critical condition at Sunnybrook Hospital after a man in a rented van drove them down on Yonge from Finch to Sheppard driving onto the sidewalk.

I peeked out of my condo window on the 20th floor that looked onto Yonge St. I have to say nothing looked that different. But, of course, everything was different!

Shortly after 5:30 p.m., the phone rang. It was a good friend from Haliburton: You're alive!

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Solid spacious home on level lot. 2BR/4pc, enclosed porch, unfinished basement with bathroom rough-in and great potential. Some light finishing & decorating to be done. Drilled well, septic, new wood/oil furnace in 2017. Great Price & Potential! **$164,900**

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Soyers Lake

Warm welcoming home or cottage with beautiful Timberframe architecture on 2.5 acres. Cavernous ceilings, charming loft getaway, beautiful 3 season sunroom with fantastic view. Hickory floors, soaring wood fireplace, central dining and kitchen with huge island is a must see. Double garage, decks & patios, the best finishings and features. Majestic pines and landscaping make this property a showpiece.

$2,199,000

Little Kennisis Lake

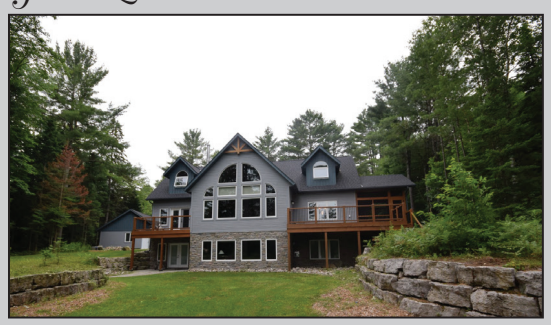
4 season enjoyment. Open concept, sunken livingroom. Bunkie over the large garage. Lovely large sitting deck at the water's edge, extensive docking system. Nice clean shoreline has shall to deep water. Drilled well & septic.

$769,000

Soyers Lake

Stunning Timberframe 4 bdrm waterfront cottage/home on Soyers Lake. Quality finishing inside & out. Oversized insulated double det'd garage. Enjoy peace & quiet in this tranquil bay w/little boat traffic & easy access to the 5 lk chain.

$2,150,000



Kashagawigamog Lake

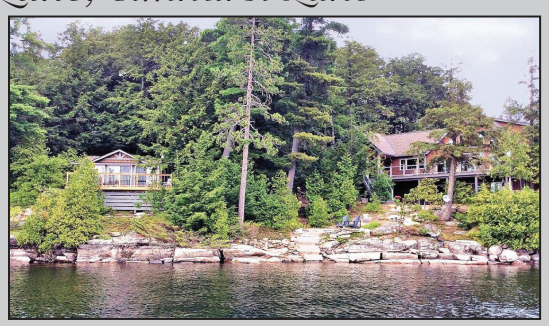
2800 sf custom designed Viceroy. 3bdrm waterfront home or cottage. Spacious loft & custom copper fp. Dbl att & insul garage. Perfectly level lot, sunset west exposure & excellent sand beach. 5 minutes to town by boat or car..

$1,290,000

Kennisis Lake, Elmhurst Lane

Spectacular Normerica Timberframe home or cottage. Custom quality throughout. Breathtaking open lake southwest view visible from every room. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths including a fully finished walkout lower level. 2 bedroom guest cabin close to the lake, brings the sleeping capacity to 18. 280 feet of shoreline, private & stunning with both shallow pebble beach and deep water ledge. Impressive landscaping with granite stairs & patios. 1600 sq ft of deck and dock space.

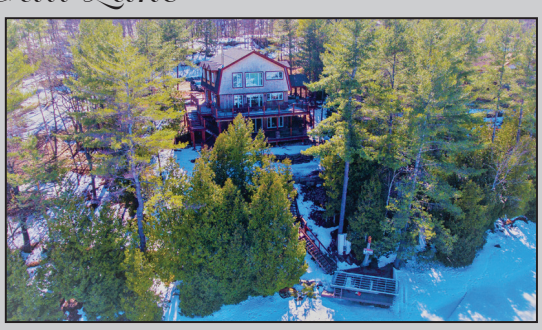
$2,257,500



Gull Lake

185 ft of flat rock & sand shoreline. 2yrs young quality custom home or cottage. Beautiful views from all levels! Features include Haliburton Room, corner stone fireplace, copper accents & hand carved timbers. 2 adjacent properties also for sale. Call for details!

$1,300,000



VACANT LAND

North Shore Rd Lot 2.8 Acres.....$49,000
Loon Lk Rd, 2.2 Ac.....$29,900
Ross Lake Road Lot, 2.2 Ac .....NEW.....$28,500
Twist Lane Lot ....Deeded Lake Access....$25,000